



# Na Lōio no na Kānaka

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**In Memory of  
ROBERT H. HIGASHINO  
1925 - 1983.**

His love for the people of Hawaii  
continues to offer inspiration in our efforts.

Access to legal services to the poor and advocacy in the public interest are essential if the rights, benefits, protections and obligations provided for by law are to be enforced equally among all persons in the State.

Finding of Senate Committee  
on Judiciary, State of Hawaii

## **NA LOIO: AN INTRODUCTION**

Hawaii's people share a common desire for decent housing, living and working conditions. We all seek freedom from poverty, discrimination and injustice. Too often people denied these basic necessities and rights have nowhere to turn to for help. Our purpose is to enable people to demand what should rightfully be theirs, by providing access to legal services and the justice system.

NA LOIO NO NA KĀNAKA is a non-profit corporation founded in August of 1983 to provide access to legal services for the poor and address the unmet legal needs of our communities. NA LOIO is not an attempt to duplicate the work performed by existing groups but hopes to provide services in areas in which the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii cannot meet present needs, due to limited resources and restrictions imposed upon LASH in recent years.

NA LOIO NO NA KĀNAKA has established an office at Palama Settlement. We have initiated an Immigration Law Pilot Project which provides representation for indigent aliens in deportation, exclusion and political asylum cases. We are also litigating selected cases of significant impact, including civil rights and discrimination cases.

## **NA LOIO PROGRAMS: THE IMMIGRATION LAW PROJECT**

Na Loio is the only agency in Hawaii providing legal services to immigrant poor in immigration law proceedings. Most of our clients have strong ties to Hawaii, where deportation would result in separation from family and community. Many are eligible for legal remedies, but cannot win them without legal assistance. Services are provided without charge for those who qualify. We work to protect the rights of the immigrant poor.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

Na Loio has worked on a limited number of civil rights cases involving employment discrimination and freedom of religion for Native Hawaiians.

## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Na Loio has sponsored a series of forums examining the historical and contemporary tensions between immigrant and local communities in Hawaii. We have also participated in workshops on the legal rights of immigrants.

## **THE FUTURE**

Na Loio hopes to expand the range of services we provide, particularly in the civil rights area. Our commitment to our purpose, access to justice for all, grows ever stronger.



## 1984-85 Contributors

We have come to realize that we cannot rely on good intentions, high ideals, and strength of commitment to make Na Loio work. We need public support, so we have asked people for help. These individuals, all contributors of \$25 or more over the past year, have given us the help and support so crucial to Na Loio's continuing development.

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